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SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO MAY 9 SOVIET CONSULATE RECEPTION

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1. ALLIED MISSIONS IN BERLIN HAVE RECEIVED INVITATIONS TO ATTEND RECEPTION EVENING MAY 9 TO MARK "THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DESTRUCTION OF HITLER FASCISM." FRENCH MISSION HAS RAISED POSSIBILITY OF LOW-LEVEL ATTENDANCE, I.E. PROTOCOL OFFICERS AND CONSULS GENERAL, BUT BRITISH AND OURSELVES, IN LIGHT OF STANDING INSTRUCTIONS ON SUBJECT, BELIEVE THAT EVENT SHOULD BE BOYCOTTED BY ALLIES. PARA 3 REFTEL INDICATES FRG WILL BE REPRESENTED AT SIMILAR EVENT IN BONN, BUT DOES NOT INDICATE RECOMMENDATION ON ALLIED ATTENDANCE. IS DISTINCTION TO BE DRAWN BETWEEN AFFAIRS COMMEMORATING V-VE DAY AND THOSE COMMEMORATING "VICTORY OVER NAZI FASCISM"?

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICER, SOVIET CONSUL INDICATED HE WOULD NOT BE SHOCKED IF INVITATIONS WERE DECLINED WHEN HE NOTED THIS WAS LONG WEEKEND FOR MANY (MAY 8 IS GERMAN HOLIDAY), AND HE REALIZED ALLIES WOULD IN ANY EVENT CONSULT RE ATTENDANCE (BRITISH AND OURSELVES IN PRIOR CONVERSATIONS WITH CONSULATE
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PERSONNEL HAVE DISCOURAGED INVITATIONS).

3. WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON ATTENDANCE.
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